



THE WEATHER

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Comment of the day

NEW GUINEA DANGER

A NUMBER of countries are presently engaged in small wars. Some have taken a violent turn. Berlin has had its moments and there has been a certain amount of shooting. There still exists the division of opinion in the Communist bloc over Albania. The Congo is in a state of turmoil and it is hard to see what the eventual outcome will be and whether the United Nations, like its predecessor, the League of Nations will fail in the balance.

Korea and Vietnam are still potential sources for possible trouble. Under the guidance of the professed pacifists Nehru and his Defence Minister, Krishna Menon, India has invaded the Portuguese enclaves which have existed for hundreds of years.

NOW we have President Sukarno ranting again over the "liberation" of West New Guinea. How far he will go remains to be seen, but in the light of the Indian "liberation" of the Portuguese enclaves it is possible that another small war will break out. President Sukarno endeavoured to blackmail the Dutch some years ago by nationalising their plantations. This failed and Dr Sukarno and his Foreign Minister, Dr Subandrio, have apparently pressed on with their plan of drawing a red herring over the nation with the object of taking the Indonesian mind off internal troubles.

President Sukarno's claim to West New Guinea (or as he prefers to call it, West Irian) is frankly imperialistic. The only thing Indonesia ever had in common was the Dutch as their colonial masters. The people of West New Guinea are a different race from the Indonesians. They don't even speak the same language; they do not have the same ideas or customs; they are primitive in the extreme.

THE Dutch are on the way to educating these people and if President Sukarno persists in demanding their liberation there will be further trouble in Asia. Any solution must be based on gradual self-government for the people of New Guinea. The only effect of an Indonesian takeover would be a change of colonial masters—a change which, we say, would be decidedly for the worse. How can it be otherwise when Indonesia has not yet given proof that it can keep its own house in order.

President Sukarno should not forget that the Australians, who administer the other half of New Guinea, also have an interest in this question. They fought in the defence of New Guinea against the Japanese and will not take lightly any infiltration into their area by a foreign power, particularly one as unstable and as vulnerable to Communist takeover as the Indonesians.

There is a possibility one day that the two halves of New Guinea will be united in independent nationhood. Whatever encouragement Australia gives to Papuan self-government, it will never tolerate an extension of Dr Sukarno's "gilded democracy" in this area of vital interest. If Dr Sukarno persists in his claim to the Dutch half, he must expect the active antagonism of the Australians, as today's statement by Opposition leader, Mr Arthur Calwell, makes clear.

29 dead in Ankara disaster

Ankara, Dec. 22. A British European Airways Comet 4 jet-liner crashed in flames moments after take-off last night. First reports said 29 of the 34 people on board were killed.

They said four passengers were injured and taken to hospital. A fifth survivor who was only slightly injured was being treated at the airport's medical centre.

The officials said the Comet's crew of seven were all killed.

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Early reports that the plane had exploded in midair proved false. Airport officials, who were witnesses to the disaster, said: "The plane did not explode until it touched the ground. The violence of the explosion was such that it literally disintegrated the forward part of the fuselage and the entire cockpit."

One added: "I have the impression—but it is only an impression—that the crew noticed the beginning of fire on board as the plane took off, and attempted to make a forced landing at the end of the airstrip. When the Comet touched the ground, it exploded."

Control tower operators said the big plane gained only about 1,000 feet of altitude before it crashed and split in two. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area about five miles east of the airfield, located about 12 miles from the heart of Ankara.

The big jet, BEA flight 262, was bound from London to Tel Aviv, via Nicosia.

The time of the disaster, the second involving a Comet within six weeks, was 2145 GMT.

An Argentine Air Lines Comet crashed in a similar accident in São Paulo, Brazil, last month.

A passenger list was not immediately available. However, the daughter of British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Bernard Burrows, disembarked from the plane at Ankara just before the crash.

Attache

Among the survivors was a Turkish Cypriot Deputy to the Cypriot National Assembly, Hadji Ahmet. Another survivor was Hilmi Uluer, of Ankara. A third survivor was identified as Israeli Army Colonel Joseph Kidar, military attache at the Israeli Embassy in Ankara.

Twelve of the 27 passengers aboard got out at Ankara.

Today's crash is the third major air disaster in Turkey in the past two years—and both the previous two happened near Ankara.

Last September, 28 passengers and crew were killed when a Turkish twin-engined Fokker airliner crashed into a hill near Ankara. A British woman and 10 Germans were among the dead.

In January last year a Caravelle airliner of Scandinavian Airlines System crashed into a hilltop near Ankara and 40 people were killed.

A total of 251 people have been killed in civil and military air crashes during the past two months—33 of them in December.—Reuter, AFP & AP.

BOATS MISSING

Tokyo, Dec. 22. Two Japanese tuna fishing boats with 37 crewmen were missing in heavy seas about 1,700 miles east of Tokyo, the Maritime Safety Agency reported today.—UPI.

The invaders ride into Goa



Indian troops riding in jeeps enter Goa as people line the roads. Three tiny Portuguese enclaves, Goa, Diu and Daman, were seized by the Indian forces two days after the start of the invasion.—AP Radio photo.

MACMILLAN MEETS KENNEDY

Russia's advances in N-arms on agenda

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 22. President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan yesterday heard their atomic experts report essential agreement that analysis of recent Russian atmospheric test explosions showed considerable progress in the nuclear weapons field.

The joint presentation of separate British and U.S. scientific studies of the Soviet series was a major highlight of the five-hour discussion that marked the opening of the Kennedy-Macmillan meeting here.

Berlin and the Congo

Other topics dominating the first session were Berlin and the Congo. On all three major subjects, the spokesman for both sides said, there was "complete agreement" in Thursday's meeting, although this did not necessarily mean a sudden adjustment of policy differences between the two nations. On Berlin, informed sources said Mr Kennedy and Mr Macmillan agreed on the resumption of "exploratory" talks with Russia early next year, seeking once again to determine Soviet readiness to negotiate a settlement on "an honourable basis."—UPI.

Goa invasion protest

MACAO-BORN HK RESIDENTS EXPRESS INDIGNATION

Macao, Dec. 22. More than 600 Macao-born persons working in Hong Kong today sent a cable to the Governor Lieutenant-Colonel Jaime Silverio Marques protesting against the invasion of Goa.

They expressed their indignation over the invasion, and reaffirmed their solidarity with the "Portuguese nation."

THE TEXT

The text of the cable read: "Macao boys working in Hong Kong beg Your Excellency to admit population our voice of indignation on Goa event, maintaining our loyal faith on nation with honour of being Portuguese people."—UPI.

HOME, SWEET HOME

Charleston, Va., Dec. 21.

The department store clerk was filling out a sales slip during the Christmas shopping rush.

As the woman customer gave her address, the harassed clerk remarked: "A madhouse, isn't it?"

"No," replied the customer, somewhat testily, "It's a private residence."—AP.

POPE JOHN APPEALS FOR PEACE

Vatican City, Dec. 21. Pope John tonight launched a Christmas peace appeal to the rulers of all nations to halt a possible "chain reaction of acts, decisions, resentments that could erupt into rash and irreparable deeds."

The Pope, speaking in solemn tones in a world wide broadcast from the library of his Vatican apartment, said he refused to believe that man would deliberately destroy himself by the very wonders of science and progress he has already mastered.

"You cannot believe," he said, "that the terrific energy now under the control of man will be released for the world's destruction."

The Pope's 3,000-word Christmas message, the fourth of his reign, was translated into 30 languages—including Russian—and beamed to the corners of the world by a complex of Vatican and international transmissions.

In Italy, it was televised.

Fragile

"For side by side with elements of fear and apprehension, there are positive signs of goodwill that is constructive and productive of good."

"We appeal to the rulers of the nations, who today hold in their hands the fate of mankind."

"You also are men, fragile and mortal. Upon you are the anxious eyes of your fellowmen who are first your brothers before they are your subjects."

"With the authority which we have received from Jesus Christ, we say: shun all thought

BRIEFS

MONTY AGAIN

Managua, Dec. 21. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery said today it was "madness" to try to keep the world's largest nation—Communist China—out of the United Nations.

Montgomery, who arrived in Nicaragua today on his tour of Latin America, left later for southern Nicaragua.

UPI.

'Can't understand why I did it'

A British Army sergeant, jailed nine months for snatching a Chinese woman's handbag, exclaimed in court this morning: "I cannot understand what made me do it!"

Sergeant Norman Henry Collins, aged 28, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, stationed in Farling, continued: "All my life I had been a good soldier and a good citizen."

SERIOUS

Then he heard the magistrate, Mr A. Garcia, tell him at South Kowloon Magistracy: "This is a serious offence, and the least sentence I can impose is nine months."

Earlier, the court had heard Inspector D. J. Collins, prosecuting, say that defendant ap-

pealed the complainant Chan Luk-mui, 36, from behind in the rear lane of Knutsford Terrace in Kimberley-road, muffed her mouth with one hand and snatched the handbag.

The handbag fell to the ground and was partly damaged. Defendant picked it up and ran. The woman raised the alarm and a police constable arrested the defendant.

The plastic bag contained US\$20 and HK\$41.

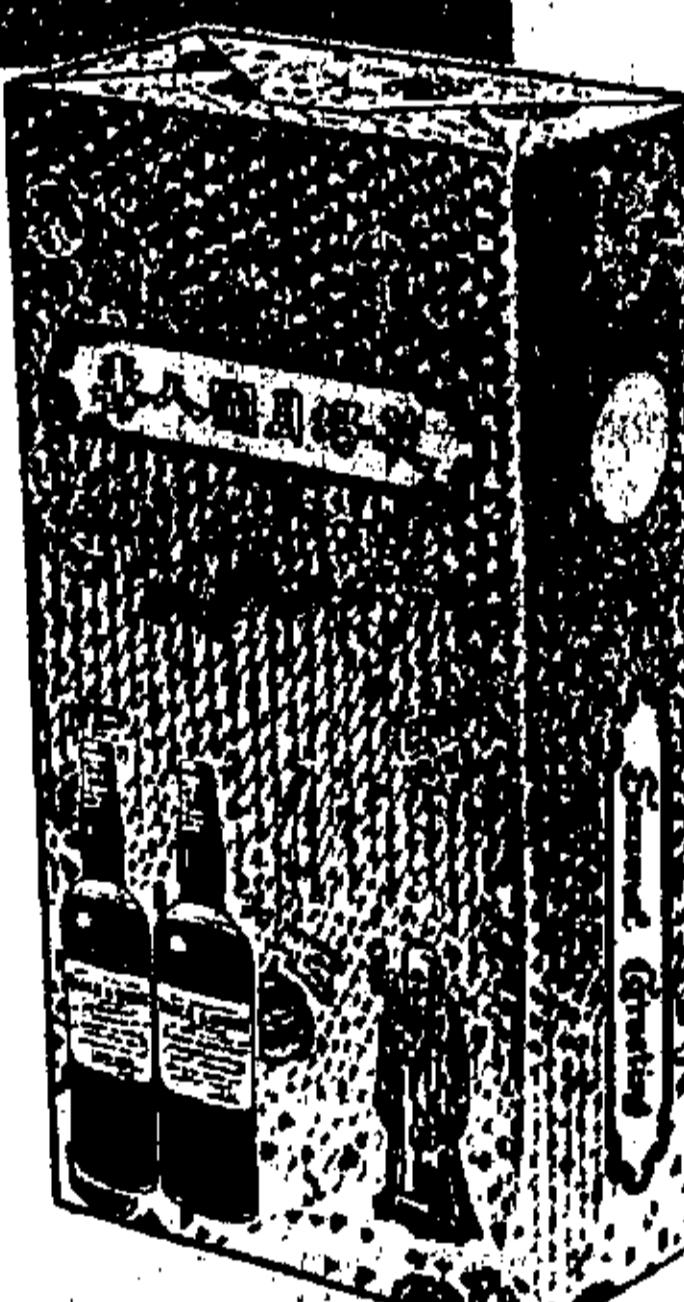
Defendant had a clear record, Inspector Collins said.

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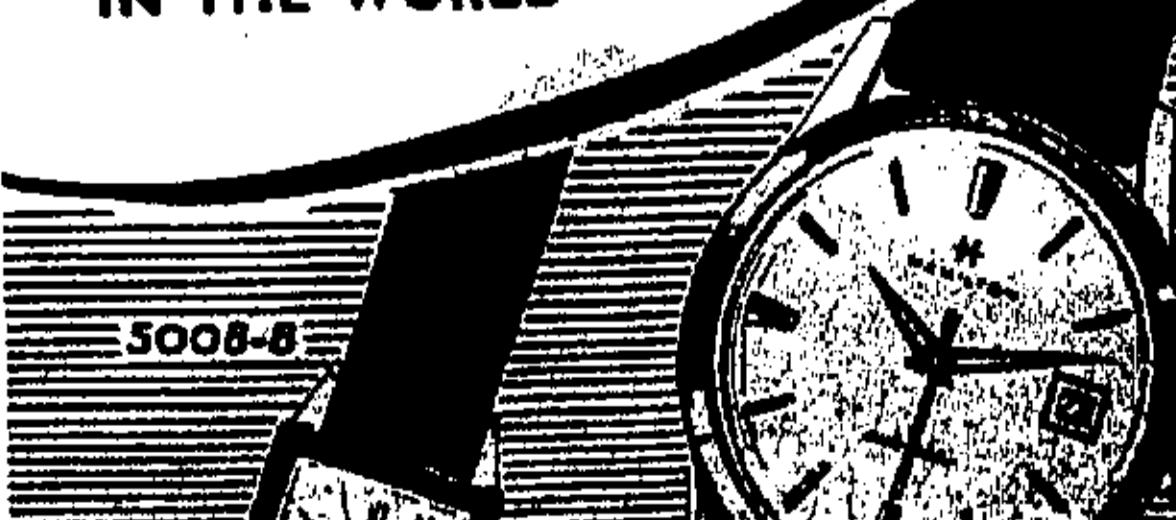
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★ The share market at a glance ★

	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Approx. Yield (%)
HK Bank	354	358	356	356	362	+6	80s	3.3
Lombard	41b	42n	42n	40b	40b	steady	82.25	5.6
Wheelock	12.40	12.12	12.30	12.10	12.20	+10c	75c	6.2
HK Wharf	348	348	348n	352s	376s	-56	12	3.2
HK Docks	124	140	148	147	145	-2	4	2.76
Taifoo Docks	70	74	72 1/2	72 1/2	74 1/2	+2	3.20	4.3
Provident	29.70	29.70	28.80	28.40	28.80	+40c	1.30	4.5
HK Hotels	41 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	+25c	53	7
HK Lands	2.175	2.125	2.125	2.05	2.10	+5c	13.75c	3.3
HK Realty	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	+75c	2.05	5
HK Trams	218b	230b	234b	246s	238	-8	10.50	4.4
Star Ferry	117	127	129	126	126	steady	8.50	7.5
Yamatis	38 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40	-25c	11.10	2.7
Ch Light	38 1/2	39 1/2	39	39	39 1/2	+25c	1.70	4.3
Electric	43 1/2	44	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	+75c	1.75	4
G. Cement	68 1/2	68	68	67 1/2	68 1/2	+51	4	5.83
Dairy Farm	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36	36	+50c	52	5.55
A. S. Watson	56	57	58 1/2	57 1/2	58	+50c	2.50	4.3
Lane, Crawford	38b	38 1/2	38	37	37 1/2	+25c	53	8.1
Int'l. Investment	12 1/2b	13	12.40	12.40	12.30	-10c	1	8
Allied	8.30s	9.30	9.10b	9.20s	9.10s	-10c	1.25	13.7
HK & FE Inv	20.99s	21.80	21.40	21.40s	21.10	-30c	1	4.6
Textile Corp	5.95b	5.85	5.85	5.60s	5.45	-15c	50c	9.17
Nanking	12.40s	12.40n	12.40s	10 1/2xd	10 40xd	-10c	1.10	9.17
Kowloon Motor Bus	74	76	75	74	74 1/2	+50c	2.80	3.78
Jardines	24	24.40	24.20xd	23.20	23.20	-30c	80c	3.4

* When shares were five times their present value.

COMMODITY PRICES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

No 1 rubber Jan. 78 1/2-78 1/2
No 2 rubber Jan. 77 1/2-77 1/2
No 3 rubber Jan. 78 1/2-78 1/2
Rubber, dried 75 1/2-76 1/2
Smooth crepe 80 1/2-81 1/2

London £1 pale crepe 80 1/2-81 1/2

Closing prices all in pence per lb.

NEW YORK
Closing rates
England, official 2.80/0, England
20-days 2.82/2, England, 20-days
2.79/9, Australia 2.22/2, New Zealand
2.78/9, Other, unquoted

LONDON

Closing rates
New York 2.80/0-9/16-2.80/1-11/16
Montreal 2.92/2-2.92/3, Amsterdam
10.12/4-10.12/5, Brussels 13.65
Copenhagen 11.21/3-11.22/3, Lisbon
80.23-80.33, Oslo 20.00s-20.00s
Paris 13.74s-13.75, Stockholm
14.61s-14.61s, Milan 17.41s-17.41s
Vienna 12.44-12.47, Zurich 12.10s-12.10s
—UPI

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AMSTERDAM

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rubber 2.13 buyers; No 3 rubber
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COTTON

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NEW ORLEANS
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NEW YORK
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LIVERPOOL
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Says it comes from Russian oil U.S. CUTS OFF JAPANESE JET FUEL SOURCE

*Albania
attacks
Kruschev*

Belgrade, Dec. 21. Albanian Communists tonight said that Mr. Kruschev's attempt to estate in the name of Stalin will lead to war. Tirana's cartoonists continue to attack the Albanian leader. The Party's line is that the U.S. Empire in which Stalin was buried is the real "grave" in Russia.

The editorial gleefully reports that all the countries in the world are now "aligned" for the "new and important work."

At the same time, the Albanian Foreign Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Spahic, said that the "new and important work" of the Soviet Party will not distract the line of Stalin. He and Kruschev invited the Foreign Minister and Spahic to meet in Moscow, but that the world will help him because the Albanian Communists and the honest people in the world will not be deceived by Kruschev's inventions.—AP.

SIT-DOWN STRIKE

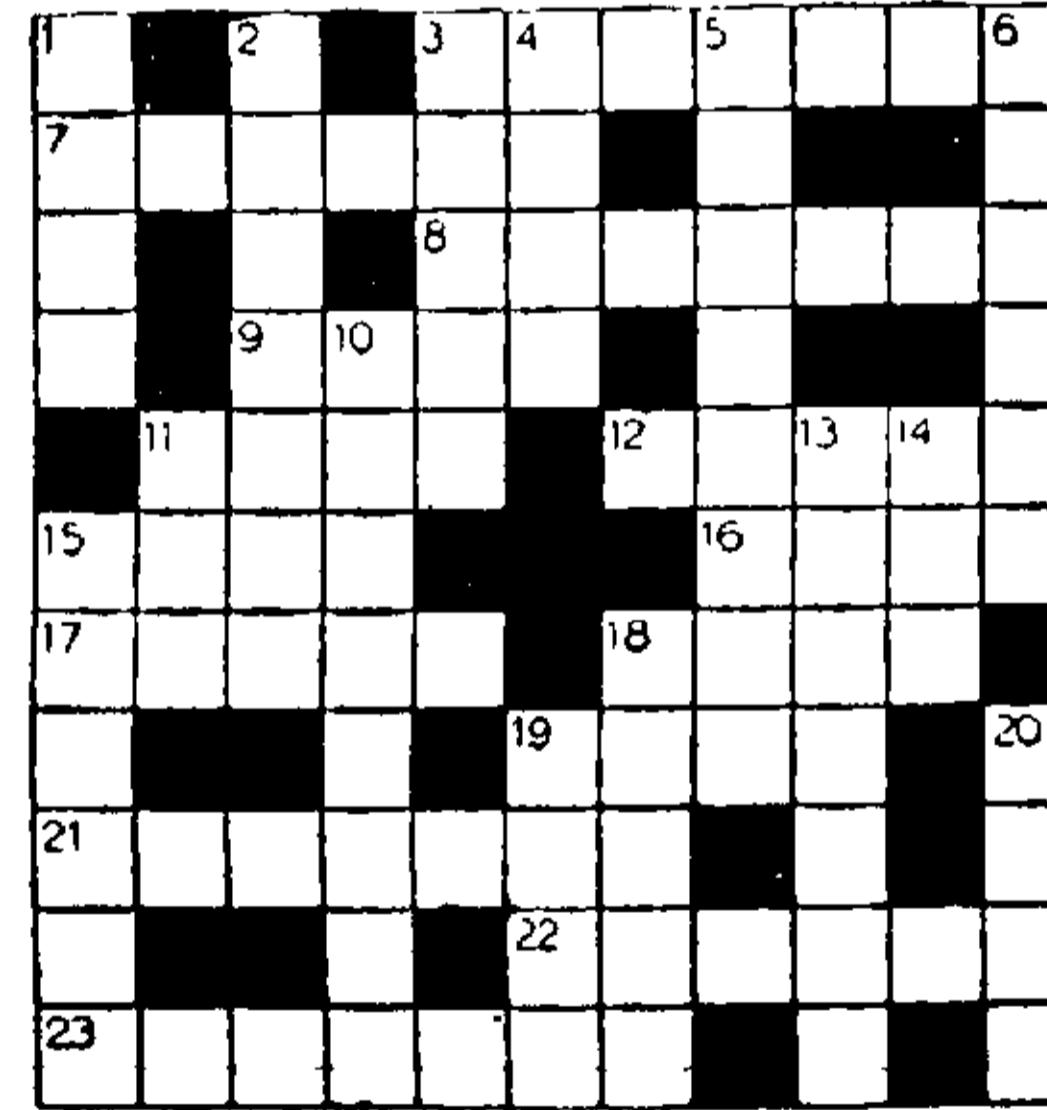
Buenos Aires, Dec. 21. Three hundred miners started a 24-hour sit-down strike 3,000 feet underground on Thursday to protest against the intended closing down of an iron ore mine at Siegen.

The mine, the only one in the area, is to be closed because its production is considered no longer profitable.—AP.



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Kennedy's father still ill

Palm Beach, Dec. 21. A medical bulletin issued here said tonight that the condition of U.S. President John Kennedy's father had not improved since yesterday morning and still remained serious.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, who once served as U.S. Ambassador to Britain was taken to Saint Mary's Hospital here after he suffered a stroke on Tuesday.

Doctor Marco Johannsen told newsmen tonight that his patient was still seriously ill and there had been no noticeable change since yesterday.

He added that Mr. Kennedy was still unable to speak.

The doctor said, however, that Mr. Kennedy was fully awake when the President visited him for a half hour early this morning before flying to Bermuda for his talks with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.—AP.

'Sukarno's Hitler-like gestures'

Melbourne, Dec. 21. Australian Labour leader Arthur Calwell said today if the United Nations decided to send a force into Dutch New Guinea to preserve peace, Australia should provide its complement.

Calwell said, "President Sukarno's Hitler-like gestures and threats to invade Dutch New Guinea demand an early statement by the Australian Government on its attitude. We of the Labour Party believe

the only hope for world peace lies in the United Nations. The only people with any right to determine the future of West New Guinea are the indigenous people of that territory."—UPI.

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EARTHQUAKE'S DEATH TOLL RISES TO 23

Bogota, Dec. 21. Authorities said today at least 23 persons were killed and an estimated 100 injured in yesterday's Andes mountain-spawned earthquake in Colombia.

The temor, caused by a shifting in the Andes range from north to south, damaged an estimated 60 municipalities in densely populated western Colombia.

The death toll was held down, authorities said, because the peasants in the region—Colombia's richest coffee-growing area—were in the fields at work.—UPI.

The spokesman said that up to then there was no indication of Russian crude petroleum in the fuel purchased by the U.S. The new decision cutting off Idemitsu was made yesterday, the Department said.

Today's announcement said, "The Department of Defense, as a matter of policy, seeks to avoid purchasing products of Soviet origin. In recent years the Department has become increasingly concerned as such petroleum products are offered more widely in world markets."

A case in point has been the Idemitsu Kosan Company of Japan. This company initially made purchases of Soviet crude oil which were so small in quantity as to be insignificant.

However, over the period of the last few years, purchase of Soviet crude oil by Idemitsu has increased substantially.

CASE BY CASE

"The Department of Defense, although recognizing this action is not the complete answer to the problem of world oil market polarization by the Soviets, has authorized the Military Petroleum Supply Agency to continue negotiations with Idemitsu at this time."

No contract to supply the initial JP-4 jet fuel in the Japan market for the period January 1 through December 31, 1962, will be written with the company.

If similar conditions arise at other refineries these situations will be handled on a case by case basis."

The Department said in a separate explanation that the U.S. military buys about 600,000 barrels of jet fuel from five Japanese refineries annually.

The first contract with Idemitsu was in 1959. The U.S. Defense Department said that the amount of Soviet crude oil bought by the company has risen from the initial small amount to about 30 per cent of the company's stock.

VERIFIED

The explanatory statement added that:

"Although the company maintained that they segregated their Soviet crude oil and this was verified by U.S. inspection teams and Japanese customs officials, they did have a distinct and unfair price advantage over competition, since they pay 55 cents less per barrel than for Persian Gulf crude oil."

Much of the oil, about 6 million barrels, comes from Middle East refineries.

The contracts with Japanese refineries, renewable annually, are effective on January 1 of each year.—AP.

U.N. DECISION WAS ILLEGAL, PEKING SAYS

Paris, Dec. 21. The recent United Nations decision on the China question and the resolution on Tibet were illegal, the Foreign Ministry declared in a statement published by the New China News Agency and monitored here today.

Israel's housing problem like Hongkong's, Mayor says

New Delhi, Dec. 21. Lord Mayor Mordochai Namir of Tel Aviv said today that his tour of South Asia had made him think Israel might build more rental housing.

Mr. Namir said in an interview that Calcutta and Hongkong have refugee housing problems that are similar to Israel's problem, but while Tel Aviv has only ten per cent rental housing, the other two cities have 90 per cent.

A higher rental proportion might be one way of providing more housing quicker, he said.

Mr. Namir is on a tour of Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Calcutta, Hongkong, Bangkok, New Delhi and Teheran.

He is scheduled to return to Tel Aviv on December 26.—AP.

Going to Manila

Trenton, New Jersey, Dec. 21. Governor Robert B. Meyer of New Jersey will go to Manila on December 30 to represent President Kennedy at the inauguration of President-elect Diosdado Macapagal of the Philippines. He said he will leave for Manila on December 26.

Mr. Meyer's father-in-law, Mr. William E. Stevenson of Aspen, Colorado, was sworn in on Wednesday as U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.—AP.

KIDNAPPED

United Nations, Dec. 21. The International Red Cross representative in Elisabethville, Mr. Olivet, who has been missing since December 13 last, may have been kidnapped by Katangan gendarmes, a U.N. Congo operation military report, published here today, said.—AP.

ROYAL TOUR

Bangalore, Dec. 21. The Paramount Ruler of Mysore and his party returned to Bangalore this afternoon from a visit to Mysore, during the Royal tour of India.—China Mail Special.

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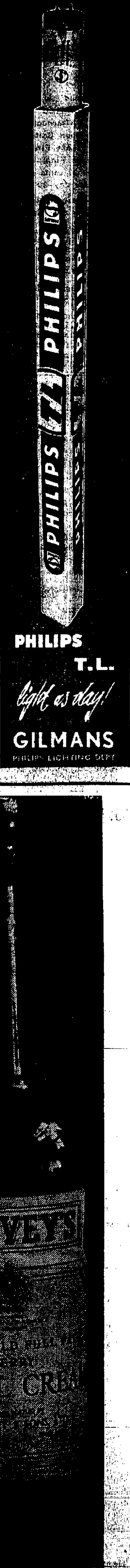
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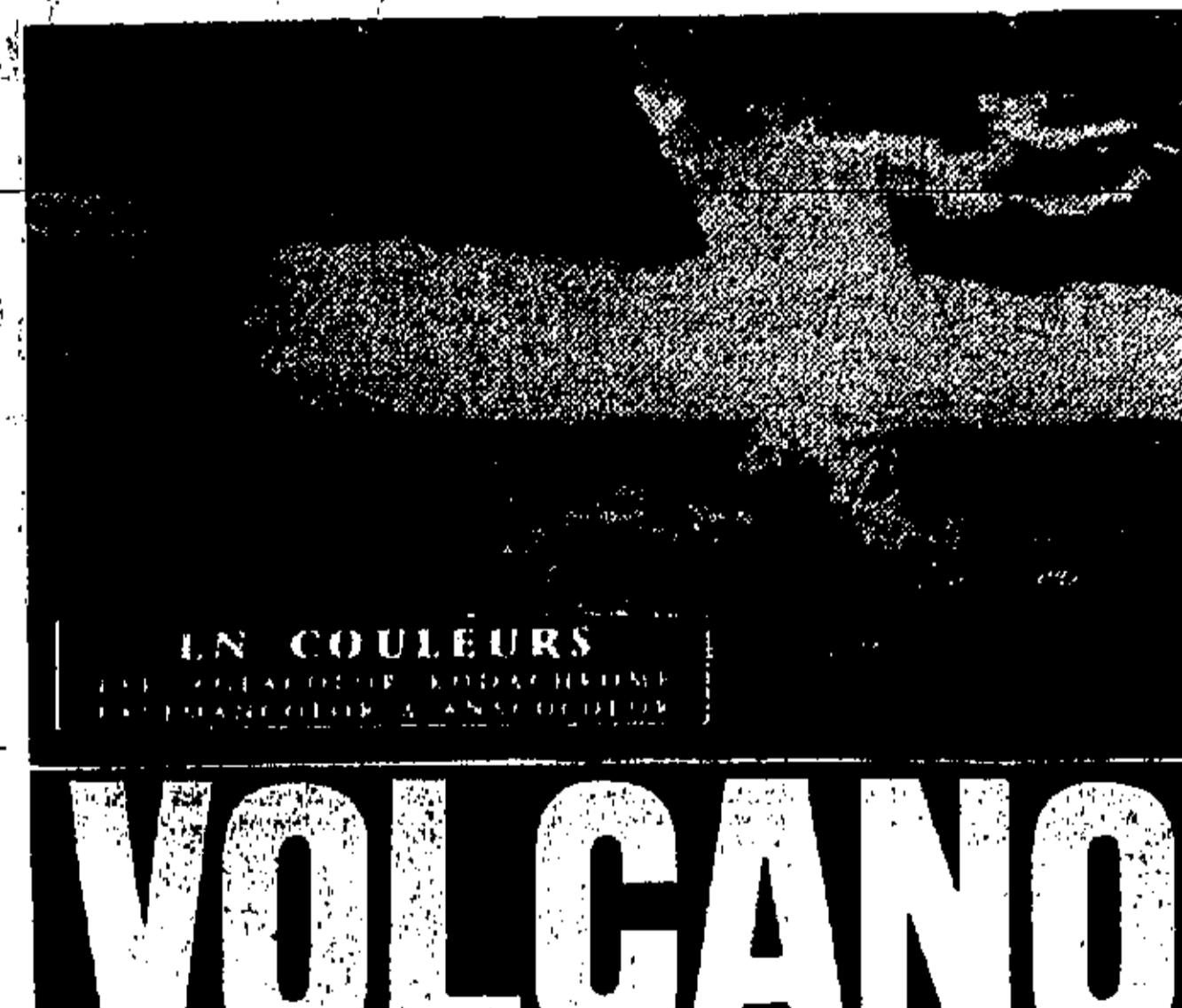
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Seaman charged
with importing
large amount
of opium

A member of the crew on board the Ministry of Transport ship, Empire Gannet, was charged before Mr K.A.S. Phillips at Central Magistracy this morning with possessing and importing "a large quantity" of opium.

Senior Inspector G. Fergus asked the magistrate to remand the 54-year-old defendant, Tan Kee, alias Chan Kee, for three days in custody for further enquiries. This was granted.

It is alleged that the defendant yesterday had in his possession a quantity of dangerous drugs on board the Empire Gannet.

The defendant is also charged with importing the drugs. No plea was taken.

Man fined \$1,000
for not paying
duty on alcohol

A 34-year-old man, Leung Yip-wo, was fined \$1,000 by Mr J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he admitted possessing 14 gallons of dutiable alcohol.

Revenue Inspector D. A. Wyatt told the court that a party of Revenue Officers raided the defendant's premises at 105 Tamkung-road, Ground Floor, Kowloon City at 9.20 a.m. on Wednesday and found 4 tins on dutiable alcohol.

The duty on the alcohol was \$344.96.

Military attache

Colonel A. L. Brady, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has been named to succeed Capt. D. Lanthier of the Royal Canadian Navy as Canada's Military Attache in Turkey. Army headquarters announced today.

Col. Brady, who until recently was Provost Marshall for the Canadian Army, will assume the post in July. —AP.

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Whoever wants more troops in Germany — our generals don't

SOMETHING peculiar has happened to the military mind when a general expresses dismay at the thought of having his command enlarged.

But this aberration is common among senior officers of the British Army, or the Rhine. Recently I have heard several apparently able, ambitious officers deplore the demand to send more British soldiers to Germany.

This demand was made of Mr Harold Waddington, the Defence Minister, at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation conference in Paris last week. It is supported by General Norstad, the NATO Supreme Commander in Europe, and the United States and German Governments.

It is even being suggested that only by sending more soldiers to Germany can Britain prove herself a loyal member of NATO and worthy of inclusion in the Common Market.

But this is the British Government, it is known, does not wish to do. And, in Germany, I have found that the practical soldiers feel the same way. Behind this conflict lies a confusion which is seriously weakening Western defence.

Clear cut

The facts of the case are clear cut. Britain is committed to maintaining in Germany—as part of the Northern Army Group—an Army with a peacetime strength of 55,000 men. In an emergency this would be increased by about one-third to war strength.

At this moment the Rhine Army is short of its peacetime strength by some 4,000 men. The most acute shortages are of drivers, signallers and medical staff but, it is claimed, the Army's fighting quality is little affected.

Most of these shortages are now being made good and within three months the peacetime strength should have been reached and—if the 3,000 troops in Berlin are included—exceeded.

But this is unlikely to satisfy NATO.

Nor, at the moment, does the British plan to strengthen the Rhine Army in an emergency. Details of this plan are secret, but I can say that it could entail flying tens of thousands of soldiers to Germany in a very few days.

The reservists who would go, have all been earmarked. A job has been picked for every one of them.

The equipment—from bedrolls to tanks—awaits them in Germany. Well within a week the Rhine Army could be above its war strength.

In addition there is now forming in this country a heavy division which could be shipped to Germany at short notice as the Rhine Army's immediate reserve.

But even these elaborate plans do not seem to satisfy NATO. What is needed, they say, are

more soldiers on the ground in Germany now. Soldiers who can show that the West is equally ready to defend its frontiers with conventional as with nuclear weapons.

Rhine Army would mean that no unit would be able to achieve the minimum standard of field training.

Secondly, there is the housing problem. For British troops, Germany counts as a "home posting". Thus a soldier may spend three years there between spells in, say, the Far East and the West Indies. But the housing shortage is such that thousands of men cannot have their families with them, or, if they do, must live in appalling conditions.

Overcrowding

This demand, British commanders in Germany reject firmly on practical grounds. One officer told me bluntly that to increase the Rhine Army now would "only deaden the whole outfit".

The reason is overcrowding. Even now, with the new German Army, completing the ninth of its planned 12 divisions, there is barely room in North Germany for the existing Rhine Army.

Firstly, there is the problem of training areas. These are so few and so small that the British, German, Dutch and Belgian troops of the Northern Army Group must queue to use them and even so every formation seriously lacks field training.

Hence, German tanks must use firing ranges in Pembrokeshire. British commanders are convinced that an enlarged

men. Although they have been there for about three years some 40 families are still living in German hotels. This can mean that a soldier and his wife must share a room with one or two small children.

Others have married quarters 30 to 50 miles away and spend hours travelling every day. A sergeant told me: "If a man has housing trouble it shows in his work."

Commanding officers in Germany agreed unanimously that any large increase in the number of soldiers' wives and children—they already number 36,000—would worsen the already bad housing problem intolerably and affect morale.

Another objection is far more serious.

This is the British belief that the NATO ambition to match man for man with the Communists is dangerously wrong.

One senior British officer told me: "My command is trained to fight with conventional or nuclear weapons—but it can only fight effectively with nuclear weapons."

There is deep mistrust among the British of the vague NATO hope of "forcing a pause" with conventional weapons. They know that even if the NATO armies could initially match the Communist armies between the North Sea and the Alps the limitless Russian trained reserves would be decisive—unless nuclear weapons were used against them.

—(London Express Service).

Not enough

A programme to build nearly 8,700 more married quarters has been approved and the first 300 have already been occupied. But this programme will not be completed until the end of 1963 and even then the demand will not be satisfied.

Some 200 caravans have been ordered to ease the strain and many soldiers have been told that their families can only be housed in Germany if they are so far away that they can only be together at weekends.

At Hameln, where the housing problem is comparatively easy, I visited the Middlesex Regi-

Foreign population jolted

Japan newsletter from David Gordon

Tokyo.

The complacent Japanese — and practically the entire foreign population — have been considerably jolted by the arrest of 13 ultra-rightists who were plotting a bloody overthrow of Japan's government.

It is much too early by Japanese standards to expect a revelation of all the facts—and more important still—the "big name" people who are involved in some manner or form.

The arrest of this group of 13 does not imply that the possibility of a coup d'état at some future date, has been eliminated altogether. Rather to the contrary, it indicates the existence of a stubborn element in Japan which would not hesitate to resort to murder to gain power.

CENTRAL FIGURE

Toyotsu Kawanami, the central figure in the plot, was a close personal friend and henchman of General Tojo, Japan's wartime leader who was hanged as a war criminal.

Despite vigorous denials by the shipowner's local representative, Kawanami would still maintain the pretence.

On one occasion, the ship-owner's agent in Japan inserted photographic copies of cables of denial from New York, in very expensive advertisements in the press. This had little effect on Kawanami who is as unscrupulous in business as he is ruthless in politics.

STRANGE MANNER

The Minister of Justice has sworn to throw every charge in the book against the plotters, but with the quaint state of the law in Japan—and the equally strange manner in which it is administered—it is a quite safe bet to say these 13 will all soon be out on bail—and the case against them, if any, will not get into court for a year or so. A final verdict here could take as long as ten years to hand down.

As an example of this state of affairs, it is now about six years since the American manager of a worldwide banking company and two of the Japanese trustees were charged with embezzlement, fraudulent conversion of funds and a few other counts.

The American is still on bail—and on the bail payroll as his case hasn't been tried—and he cuts quite a figure in Tokyo's so-called society. He could be easily another six years before his case gets to court.

Petrol and a bath please!

An enterprising garage owner in Osaka has built a teashop and bath house next to his service station. Car drivers may take a free bath while their vehicles are being serviced. The owner believes the bath and relaxation will help the drivers to "act more cautiously."

Their own

He also fears that unless the Germans are given some control they will be driven to make their own nuclear weapons. Why let them? Remember that Hitler's control over Britain was planned to last a thousand years.

—(London Express Service).

Thumbed nose

Adenauer's purpose is to secure greater political power for West Germany through increasing control over nuclear weapons and to build up a military machine ultimately big enough to bring about the reunification of East and West Germany.

Recently, after talking with

Adenauer, Kennedy said there

was no possibility of German

reunification so long as the

Russians do not want it.

—(London Express Service).

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PISCES (February 19-March 20) April is a period when the beginning of the year is out of sight, but you don't lack ambition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your gift for artistic flair and decoration will contribute to the success of a scheme you're planning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 18) You may be forced to compromise on a project you've put on with a vengeance, but another face of the project is still to be seen.

GEMINI (May 19-June 17) You're not the only one who's tested your patience with the spirit of competition.

CANCER (June 18-July 22) If you're still in the mood for fun, then you're in the right place.

LEO (July 23-August 22) You're not the only one who's patient after all, and to get other people to adapt.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Punch's Jumpy Story

It's About A Grasshopper And A High Wall

By MAX TRELL

UNCLE Punch and Knarf the Shadow Boy were the Turned-About Twins in a comic strip in *Mr Punch* magazine with its twin brother, Poppo the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha the Skin-Soaked Wabbit. Indiana, Kansas, and the like states also feature.

Teddy the Stuffed Bear said: "I'd like to hear that story, Uncle Punch."

Hi just grunts

Hiawatha, who had sat half down on the floor with a "Knarf" over his head, gave a loud grunt.

"He would like to hear it, too," Teddy said to Mr Punch. "Grasshopper," replied Mr Punch. "Did I ever tell you a story about a Grasshopper?"

"It was a Grasshopper who couldn't," said Knarf.

Mr Punch looked puzzled. "Couldn't what?" he asked.

"Hop over the garden wall," said Knarf.

Mr Punch suddenly jumped. "Oh, yes, I do," he said. "Now I remember."

Punch's story

The is the story that Mr Punch told to Knarf and his two best friends, Teddy and Hiawatha, about the Grasshopper who couldn't jump over the garden wall.

"One spring day in a large garden not very far from here, a Grasshopper was born. He wasn't very large, but his back legs were quite strong. All through the spring days, he hopped about merrily over the bushes and buttercups.

"One day, as he hopped over a large patch of black-eyed Susans, he found himself face to face with a tall stone wall. So he bent back on his hind legs, then hopped up a minute.

"He did," he finally said. "But it took all the rest of the spring. Day after day he kept trying and when he wasn't trying, he was eating. His legs were bigger and stronger.

"All of once, one day in the middle of summer, he leaped back on his strong hind legs and—whizz—over the wall he went.

"I knew he could do it," said the Ant and the Earthworm and the Butterfly and the Snail.

"The Grasshopper didn't hear of them. He was much too busy hopping among the flowers in the beautiful garden on the other side of the wall."

Hopped into air

"Then and there," said Mr Punch, "the Grasshopper was determined to hop over the high wall. So he bent back on his hind legs, then hopped up into the air."

"Here I go!" shouted Teddy. "The Grasshopper hopped over the wall, didn't he?"

"He didn't," said Mr Punch. "The patch of black-eyed Susans was still behind him and the high stone wall was still in front of him."

"I guess I'm still where I used to be," the Grasshopper said to himself sadly.

"When he tried again," continued Mr Punch, "and again and again, it was no use. Whether he opened his eyes or kept them shut, he could not manage to hop over that high stone wall."

"Then an Ant came along," said Mr Punch.

"Why don't you walk over the wall, the way I do?"



The Grasshopper just whizzed right over the wall.

With that, the Ant walked easily up the side of the wall and disappeared over the top, but the Grasshopper couldn't walk he could only hop.

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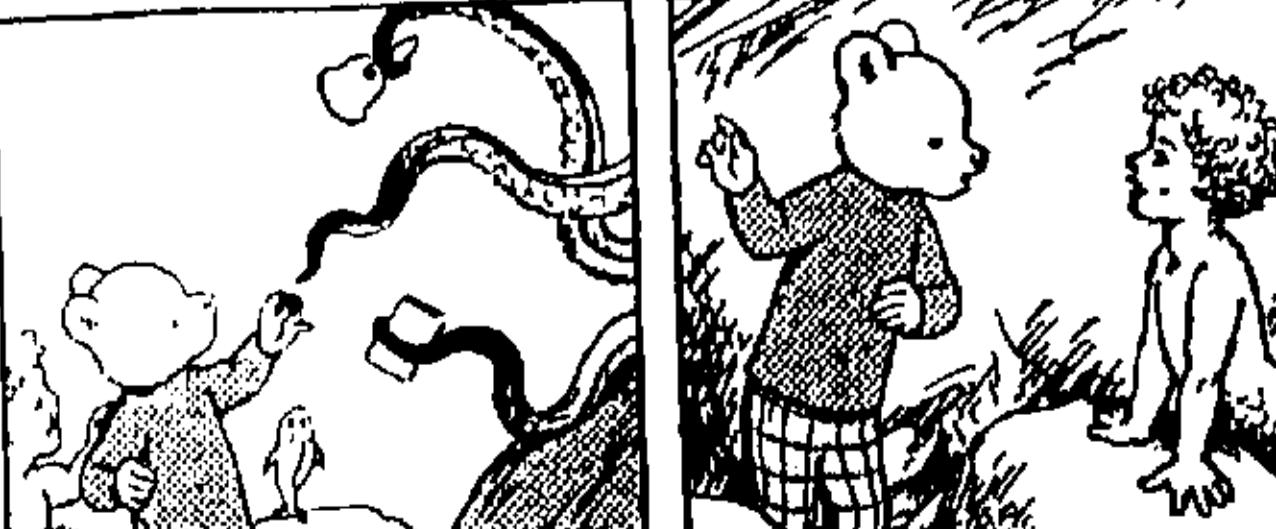
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Rupert and the Popweed—45



Rupert thinks quickly. "I wonder if you mean the Popweed that was thrown up by the storm," he says. "All the trouble seems to have started with that. See, I still have one of the bubbles in my pocket." The Popweed, "He's very powerful, He's King Neptune's deputy in this ocean." All rights reserved.

LIFE WITH THREE BROTHERS: IT'S ONE LONG BATTLE WHEN YOU'RE ONLY SEVEN YEARS OLD

London. "AREN'T you a lucky girl having three brothers?" say grown-ups to my little seven-year-old daughter. "Yes," she answers, smiling politely. But I've a shrewd idea that in her heart she'd willingly trade the three of them for one similar sized sister any day of the week.

For, being an only girl with three rip-roaring brothers, even if two of them are only 20 minutes older than she is, makes life a constant battle. She is buffeted and bullied, her maternal advances are spurned and her figure is under constant unkind comment.

She hides herself with a cloak of stupidity which she sheds at school. There, among her girl friends, she purrs and sparkles and is in her element. But at home, she prefers the company of her dolls. And I don't blame her.

"It's a bit miserable," she mused recently to chameleoned Hilary, her favourite companion. "These boys are so noisy and do fight so. And I always get hurt if I try to stop them."

She does too. But if you beat her, you'd think she'd run away. She wants it though as much as touch her.

"Fatty," they call. "Tell tale. Your tongue shall be split," the chisel.

"Shut up," shouts their victim.

"Penny off and pocket me. I can't afford to be left behind."

"Mum's come. The men are after me. The boys are after me."

With a colander to feed them

Belen Rigg, Manchester mill-owner's daughter, is 11 and has three brothers, one of 16 and two of six and eight. Being in the middle she is spoilt by the big one and teased by the younger fry.

"Small boys think they are so much better than girls," she says. "But I'm glad I have so many, because I have the advantage of being so used to them. It makes me more natural with other boys."

Helen is growing up into a world where girls will be at a premium.

In Joyce Grenfell's touching song, "I have three brothers, Harry, Bob and Jim," the dining sister was left on the shelf.

I caught Miss Grenfell between Pilkington committee meetings. "We've already had 60 this year and it's the most gratifying thing that has ever happened to me," she said. "The reactions she got all over the world to this song."

"It's almost entirely a question of whether a mother values and stimulates her feminine development," said a Harley Street psychiatrist.

"But if the mother is successfully feminine herself and both parents are looked upon as being of equal importance in the home, the little girl will model herself on her mother."

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NO SLAVE DRILL

"AUDIENCES are always moved by it, especially in the Commonwealth," she said. "But I don't look on this girl as a tragic figure, although she sacrificed herself for her brothers and they all left and married or emigrated, she fulfilled herself in her way."

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JACOBY on BRIDGE

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Keio University hockey team opens Hongkong tour tomorrow

By "NUMPERE"

The two main features in the holiday hockey programme are the visit of Keio University from Japan and the Boxing Day Festival.

The programme for the Keio University's visit is: and Nav Bharat 'C' vs Combined Schools.

Tomorrow versus Hongkong Selection at King's Park, Sunday, Dec. 24; versus Combined Civilians at Sookumpoo.

Sunday, Dec. 31: versus All-Hongkong at Recreio.

Wednesday, Jan. 3: versus Combined Services at Sookumpoo. All matches will start at 3:30 pm.

New line-ups

Since the Colony teams for the first two matches were announced there have been some withdrawals and the line-ups now are:

Hongkong Selection: Fisher (RAF), Pedroco (Recreio), Montero (Recreio), McHugh (Nav Bharat), Rahman (IRC), Tait (KCC), Ling (Nav Bharat), Paddle (Army), Ryan (RAF), Holmes (Army) (Capt), Collaco (Recreio).

Combined Civilians: Kadu (Prisons), Felton (Nav Bharat), Nery (KCC), Castro (Recreio), B. Singh (Nav Bharat), McCosh (Nav Bharat), Carnell (KCC), Dullah (IRC), Hussain (Prisons), Gardner (Nav Bharat) (Capt), Gutierrez (Recreio).

Reserves: Pediaco (Recreio), Gosano (Recreio).

Visit cancelled

Information has now been received that the Japanese Ladies' Team will not be visiting the Colony as originally planned.

Boxing Day Festival

The Boxing Day Festival will be held at Sookumpoo commencing at 10 am.

The festival takes the form of a knock-out tournament with a plate competition for all teams using their first matches.

There are 14 Men's and six Ladies' teams entered and all matches with the exception of the finals will be of 20 minutes' duration (10' minutes each way).

The finals will be 15 minutes each way.

All umpires who are willing to officiate are requested to attend early and contact Mr. Marcal or Mr. H. Brandt.

League matches

There are only two League matches scheduled for the weekend, both in the Third Division. These are KCC 'C' vs IRC 'B'

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

One of the hallmarks of a good defensive player is the ability to make an opponent create weaknesses and then reach himself in trying to attack. In this game from the European team championship, a top grandmaster is caught on the hop by a sudden counter-attack (Szabo v. Perez), 1 P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-B4; 3 P-Q5, P-K3; 4 Kt-QB3, P×P; 5 P×P, P-KK3; 6 Kt-B3, B-KL2; 7 P-K4, P-Q3; 8 Kt-KB4; 10 B-Kt3; 11 Kt-Kt5 ch, K-B1; 12 O-O, P-R3; 13 B-K2, B-Kt8; 14 B×Kt? (looks attractive, but 14 R×P×Kt is sounder), Kt-Q2; 15 P-QR4, P-QK13; 16 Q-QB2, P-KR4; 17 Kt-Q1, Kt-K4; 18 R-R3, R-QR7; 19 Kt×Kt, B×Kt; 20 P-KK4 (desperate, but otherwise Black's counter-attack is overwhelming after ... P-Kt5 and ... P-R5), P×P; 21 P-KK3, P-B3; 22 Kt-B2, B-Q5; 23 K-R1, R(R2)-R2; 24 Kt×P, Q-K2; 25 R-K1, R-R8 (good, but Black has instead a forced mate in six beginning 25 ... R×P ch! Work it out for yourself); 26 P-K5, Q×P!; White resigns, for if 27 Kt×Q, R×P mates.

Solution No. 6156: 1 K-Kt1, Rt-Kt6; 2 Rt-B3, and mates by 3 B-K4 or 3 B-K2 according to Black's reply.

London Express Service

WARM-UP BOUT

Since that time Downes has requested — and received — permission from the British Board of Boxing Control to have a non-title 10-round warm-up fight. This will take place in London on January 24 with Downes fighting against Willie Greaves of Providence, Rhode Island.

Downes originally was scheduled to defend against the former Brookline, Massachusetts, bantam here in September, but suffered a hand injury.

Downes has a record of 10-0-0 in his career, while Greaves is 10-0-0. The fight will be at the British International Boxing Club, 100 New Bond Street, London, W1.

New Zealanders all out for 155

Benoni, Dec. 21. The New Zealand touring cricket team were dismissed for 155 on the opening day of their match against Northeastern Transvaal here.

Northeastern Transvaal were 30 for two wickets in reply at the close. — Reuter.

London Express Service



A new cricket 'power bat'

London, Dec. 21. Ken Barrington, one of the great successes of the MCC tour in India and Pakistan, has been using a new kind of cricket bat.

The bat has a long handle in which there are six coiled steel springs, inserted under pressure. They give the "power bat" what the maker describes as a lot more "whoopin' when it strikes.

Several prototypes of the "power bat" have been tried this winter in English Cricket Schools, but Barrington is the first player to use it in "active service."

The bats will be on sale next season and will cost about one pound more than the standard models.

It is being suggested here that one should be given to Mike Smith, who has been having a terrible time on the tour, as a Christmas present. — AFP.

Two softball 'doubleheaders' this weekend

By OLLY VAS

This weekend's softball schedule is confined to only Junior League games and a unique feature of the programme is the inclusion of two "doubleheaders" in which the Austers, Antelopes and the Overseas will be taking part.

On Saturday the powerful Saints from Cornhill-road take on the Servicemen from Shatin, the Austers, in the opening match of the week at 2:30 pm. The Americans' third-baseman, Stan Larsen is setting a hot pace in the batting race, with six home runs already to his credit in only 22 times at bat. Against the easy pitching of the Austers the Saints' batters should get at least one four-hopper as the side goes on to its sixth victory in the running for the Junior Championship.

Made history

At 4:00 pm the Indians take on the University and they should win by a narrow margin.

Johnny Chaves' team dropped two games at the beginning of the season, but after this shaky start they made softball history by registering three shut-out victories which included two consecutive no-hitters. It is obvious that they have now settled down to the game and I pick them to hand University their second loss of the season.

The Little Leaguers get off to an early start on Sunday at 9:00 am when the Rebels clash with SCAA who are still without a win to date. The Rebels should take the decision.

At 11:30 the Austers play off their second match, this time against SCAA. The result could go either way here.

No entries yet

To round up the softball for the week the Antelopes play the Overseas at 2:00 pm and vice versa some ninety minutes later, in the second double match this week. The Antelopes are a rapidly improving side and it should surprise no one if they register a double victory.

Sports Diary

TOMORROW

Athletes
HKAAA Special Open Meeting, South China Stadium, 2 pm. Cricket Knock-out Tournament final at HKCC, 3:30 pm. 2nd Division: Garrison v. Crusaders.

Soccer

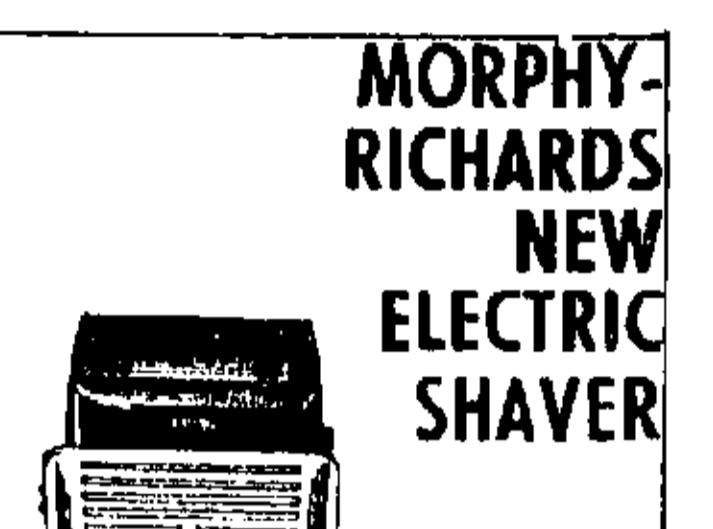
1st Division: Kitchee v. Kwong Wah (Police), 3:30 pm. Reserve Division: Kitchee v. Kwong Wah (Police), 2 pm. 3rd Division: Rediffusion v. HK Aircraft (HV), 2:30 pm; Shell v. Hon Yip, 3:45 pm; C & W v. Sunways (HV), 3:45 pm; Police v. China Gas (HV), 3:45 pm.

Hockey

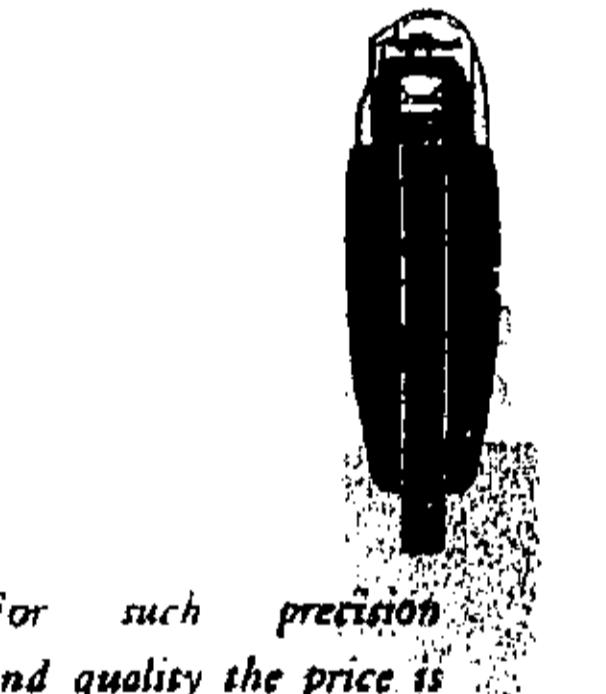
Hongkong Selection v. Kolo University team, King's Park, 2:30 pm.

Tennis

SCAA Open Hard Court matches, King's Park, 2:30 pm.

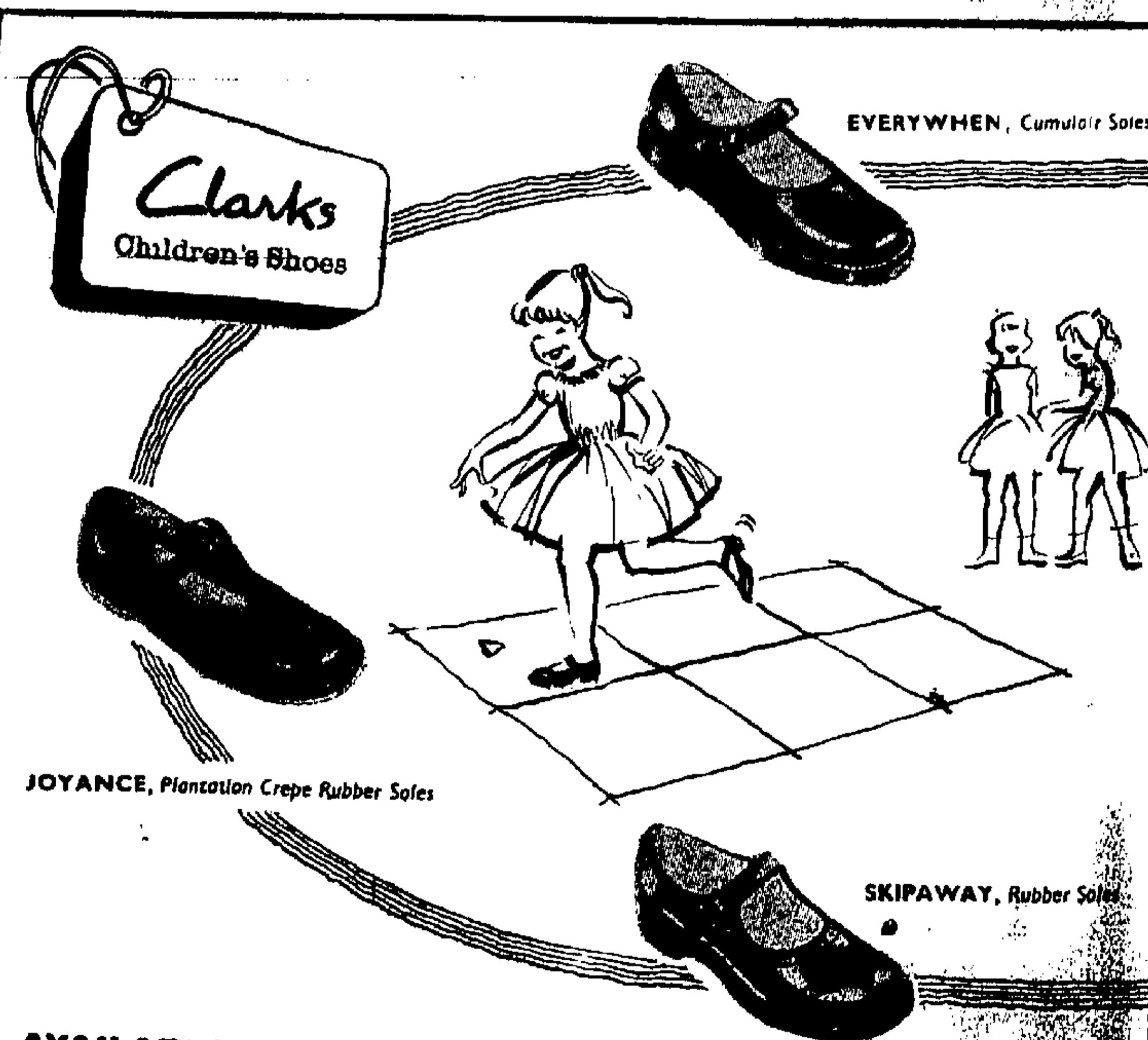


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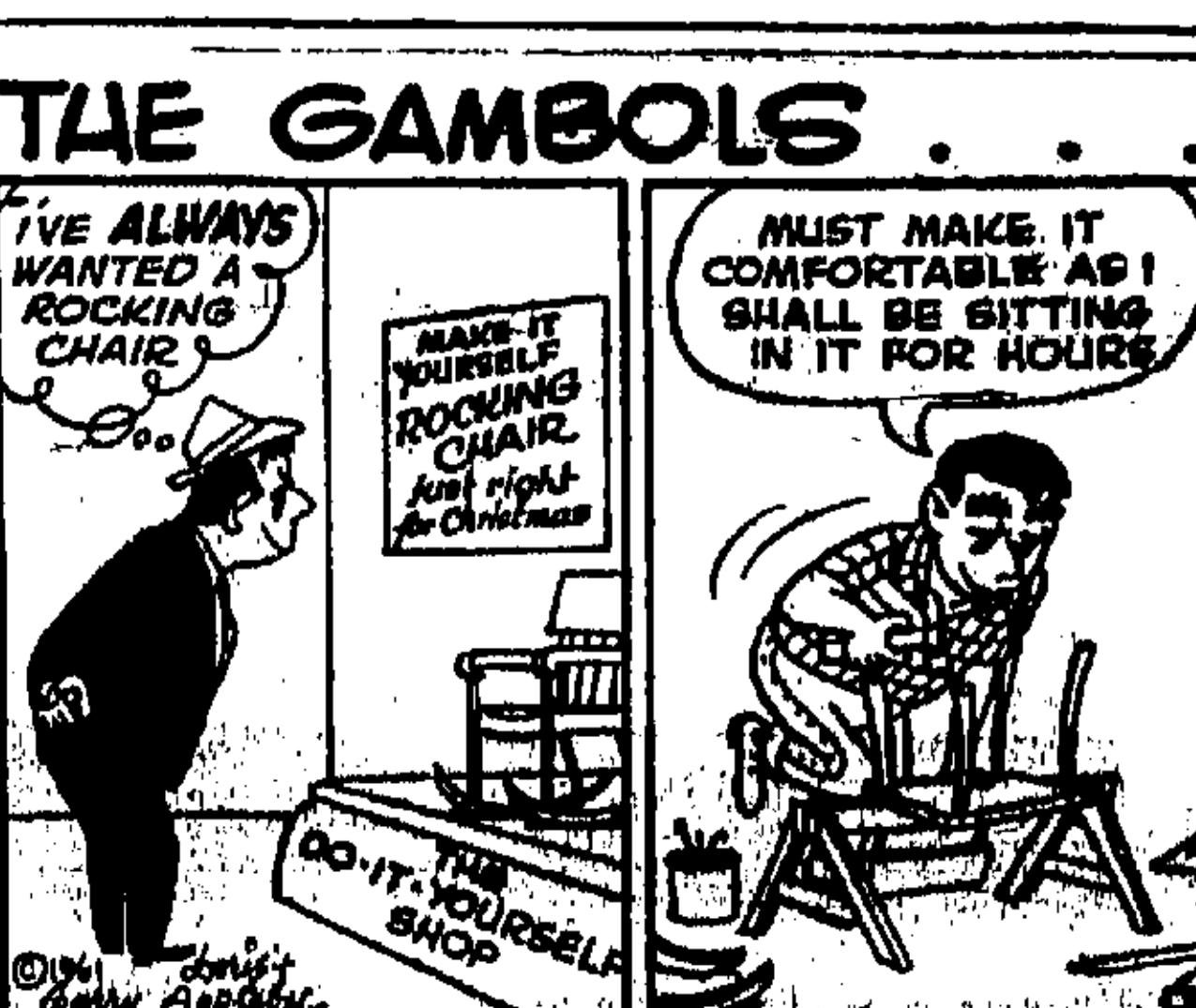
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BRIAN GLANVILLE

Talking Sport

AAA muddle at root of coaching dissension

The moral of athletics' latest storm in a teacup—the resignation of a third national coach—is plain. The officials must settle their own differences, then devise a hard and fast system for the appointment of coaches for international teams. The outburst and the resignation of Lionel Pugh need never have taken place at all, were the whole problem not shrouded in ambiguity.

Pugh's interpretation of the method of appointing coaches was quite tenable on the facts.

He was scarcely to know that the authorities were playing to rules of their own, whereby a turn as coach to Britain did not count as a turn for the purposes of matches abroad. But then, though the AAA may be blamed for not making themselves clear, they, too, are obviously entitled to their own interpretation.

To the outsider, the principle of Buggins's turn is always a dubious one.

Mr Ernest Clynes, the AAA secretary, assures me that the prior to regard their top three coaches as being equal in status. Recent dissension, both here and in the American athletic world, suggests it might be safer to regard one as more equal than other.

The facts

But first the AAA and the British Board must accept the facts: (1) that chief coach exists; (2) that he automatically accompanies all international teams abroad; (3) that it is wise and necessary for him to do so.

At present, one official will refer to Geoff Dyson's year as "chief coach" while another will deny that the position existed.

Lack of such agreement, and bad Press relations, brought about the recent, unhappy affair of the Park international. No coach went, and the authorities stated none was available—whereupon two alleged that they were.

The most sensible suggestion I have heard comes from senior members of the International Athletics Club. That a chief coach be appointed from one Olympics to the next, with a deputy, to be chosen by fellow-coaches, on a rota basis.

Pegasus in danger

Is it too late to save Pegasus, the winged horse which has apparently flown too near the sun?

It would be a tragedy for British football were it to disappear for such a club can give Soccer, in time, the administrators it so desperately needs.

And yet—ironically—the crisis of Pegasus appears to be itself a crisis of administration.

The old spirit of the team, largely composed of ex-Servicemen that twice won the Amateur Cup seems dead. Younger players appear to have been disengaged and alienated to such an extent that the season (the match against Cambridge University) had to be cancelled because Pugh couldn't raise a team.

The case of this year's Cambridge captain, Wilson, who left the club because he was refused permission to play in a match for his local in Harwich and Parkstone is especially sad and symptomatic. Not even there any reason why Pugh should have sent that other gifted half-back, Paddy Walsh, now playing happily for the Corinthians—faugh!

John Tanner, the Oxford amateur international centre-forward, who worked so hard for Pegasus both on and off the field, resigned from the committee this year.

Ken Shearwood, their former centre-half, who coached the side last season with great ability, tells me he's "heard absolutely nothing from them and shan't be doing anything with them." Yet his enthusiasm for the club is as great as ever, and he's sure that Arthur Rowe, the Crystal Palace manager,

who once coached Pegasus, would gladly give a hand.

The deep irony of it all is that Dr "Tommy" Thompson, who founded and inspired the club now finds himself president of a vanishing entity. There can be only two solutions: Either Pegasus must be governed by younger men, fully in sympathy with the new generation of undergraduates, or it must die, and a new club can then take its place. Let us hope this does not become necessary.

Jeeps comes back

Dickie Jeeps has had the laugh on everybody.

After weeks in which the critics were buying his international career with indecent haste, accusing him of being slow, too old at 30, and standing in the way of the rising generation, his brilliance in the

play

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ENGLISH NOT SPOKEN: The most promising British racing cyclist of the day can scarcely speak a word of English. Michael Wright, who is 19 years old, has spent all but five of those years in Liege; taken there by his widowed mother, after she had married a Belgian. The picture shows him riding in the 1961 World Championships.

Last summer, Wright won ten important races in Belgium alone, took part successfully in the Tour de l'Avenir—a sort of minor Tour de France, for young hopefuls—but refused to compete in the Tour itself, on the grounds that he was not yet old enough.

He should certainly be taking part in it next year. I hear that he will be turning professional with the Groene Leeuw (Green Lion) team at the beginning of the 1962 season.

In England, Rugby trial has silenced them all. Jeeps is philosophically amused by it all. "You know how trials are," he modestly said. "Sort of scrappy foot-ball."

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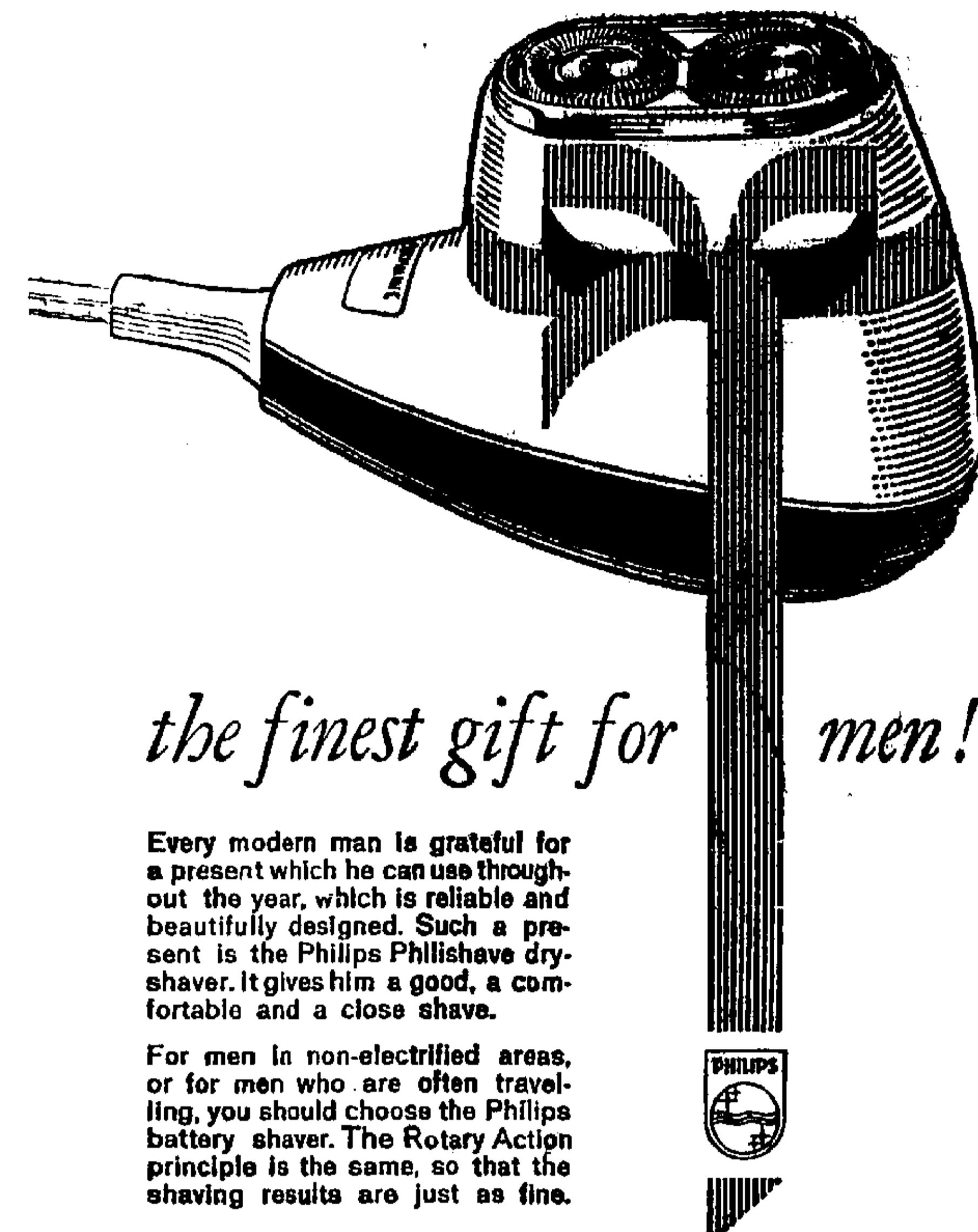
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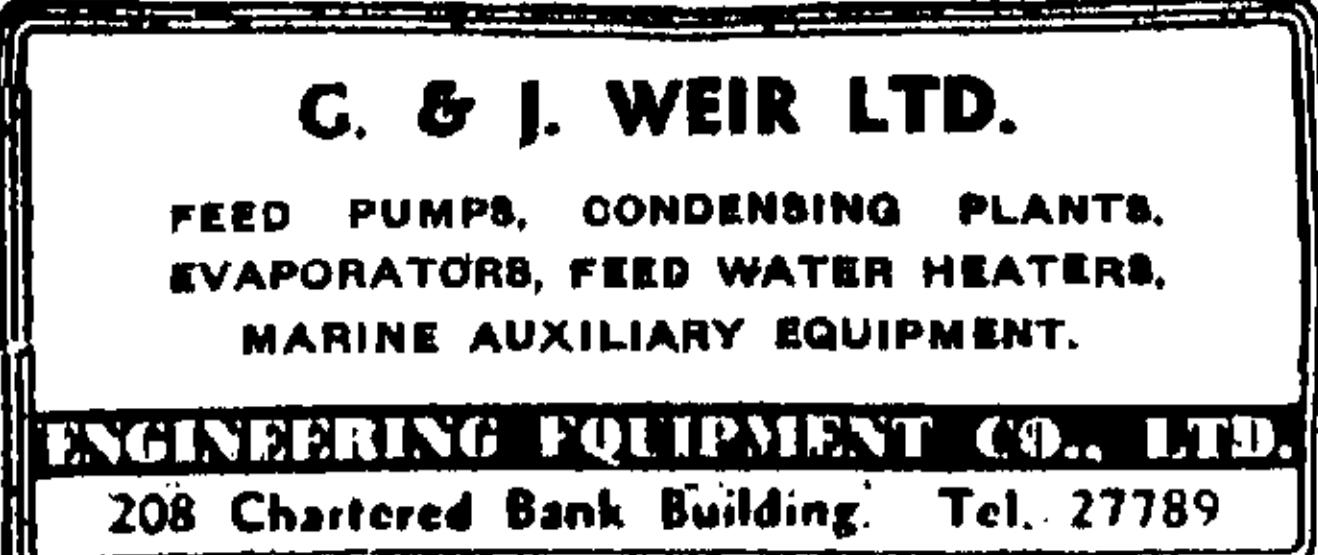
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Japanese
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24-year-old
claim

A long-standing claim of HK\$52,000 by Shanghai Dockyards Ltd. against the Japanese Government for losses sustained during the "China Incident" in 1937, has now been settled.

This was announced by the Chairman of Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd., Mr. G. T. Tagg, at the annual meeting this morning.

Mr. Tagg said the companies' properties in China were still under requisition by the Chinese Government and the United States investments and bank balances remain blocked under a U.S. Treasury order.

Gross income for the year amounted to HK\$116,793 and the greater part of this was blocked by the U.S. Treasury.

Profit for the year ended September 30, 1961, was \$104,440. To this sum was added the sum of \$692,217 brought forward from the previous year, which, with the \$52,000 paid by the Japanese Government, made a total credit balance of \$748,657.

The directors proposed that this balance should be carried forward.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. J. H. Liddell was re-elected a director.

Low, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

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A Chinese manufacturer who claimed Commonwealth preference certificates for 44,000 joss flowers when he had manufactured only 30,000 himself and bought 14,000 from Canton, was fined \$3,000 with the alternative of three months jail today.

Sentence was imposed by Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistracy on Chung Ying-street, 66, of 8 Boundary-street, ground floor, Kowloon who was proprietor of a factory known as Hing Tai Cheung.

He admitted making false statements to the Department of Commerce and Industry to obtain Commonwealth Preference certificates.

The court was told the flowers were for Thailand.

On another CP certificate for 100,000 joss flowers also for Thailand which he claimed had all been made in his own factory. He made 70,000 and bought the remainder from Canton.

Rev. Insp. C. C. Kerswill told the magistrate that this type of offence constantly bedeviled the efforts of the DC & I to maintain a certificate system which must remain acceptable to other countries.

He added that it took considerable time and money to investigate this case and that the "good name of the Colony in trading circles was jeopardized."

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Government
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The following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Mr. D. H. Jordan to be Defence Secretary and Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary; Mr. E. I. Lee to be Deputy Financial Secretary; Mr. H. C. Moore to act as Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands; Mr. D. H. A. Moore to act as Senior Estate Surveyor.

Dr. K. C. Wetherill, Dr. Chan Sui-hun, Dr. Lau Chiu-ien, Dr. Li Shun-hing and Dr. George Ng Ta-wai to be Senior Medical and Health Officers; Dr. Eric James Studd to be Medical and Health Officer.

Mr. A. P. Richardson, Mr. J. C. C. Walden, Mr. D. M. Sellers, Mr. J. M. Rowlands and Mr. Li Fook-him to be Senior Administrative Officers.

Mr. Gordon Whitehead and Mr. Richard Cole to be Air Traffic Control Officers, Class 1.

Mr. Alan May Font to be Senior Radiographer.

Mr. Robert Sun Yuan-chuan to act as Senior Information Officer, Mr. M. K. Lam to act as Senior Divisional Officer, First Services Department; Mr. Wu Man-chiu, Mr. H. T. J. Hutchins and Mr. Fred H. M. E. J. A. Bower to act as Assistant Directors of Marine (Port Control); Mr. R. C. Trulli to act as Senior Marine Officer; Mr. Wu Park-jun to be Marine Officer.

Capt. R. A. Currier-Briggs ceased to act as Senior Veterinary Officer on resumption of duty by Mr. J. M. R. Watson.

Mr. Andrew Salmon to act as Chief Officer, Prisons Department; Mr. Watson Sinch to act as Chief Officer (Hospital), Prisons Department.

Crown land
to be sold
by auction

Two lots in San Po Kong will be sold by public auction at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Central Government Offices, on January 22.

The first lot measures 10,000 square feet and the upset price is \$800,000. The second lot is about 5,275 square feet in area and the upset price is \$264,000. Both lots are to be used for residential or commercial purposes.

A third lot in Red Hill, 62,600 square feet in area for residential or institutional purposes, is to be sold at a public auction on January 23.

The upset price is \$300,000.

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ALSO, MORE
TO CHOOSE
FROM

By DAVID LAN

Christmas will be cheaper for most Hongkong people this year and there will be more to choose from in food and in goods suitable for gifts.

This was revealed by a China Mail survey of Christmas shopping conditions in the Colony.

There are, for example, 112,000 pounds of turkey (about 50 tons) in stock for the season's celebrations.

And the price is cheaper than last year—\$3 per pound instead of the average of \$3.50 charged last Christmas.

Shipments of turkey—all from America this year—arrived at the end of October and sales have been "fairly good" this month. The big rush, however, started from yesterday.

Better sales

Even cameras are expected to sell better this year, although Christmas business in this line depends much on tourists and overseas buyers.

"This is because mass-production in various countries has brought about keener competition, wider distribution and lower prices in certain categories," said the manager of one leading photographic store.

The price range? Anywhere from \$15 to \$2,000.

A popular gift item this year is the bank cash coupon which people can buy and present to anyone without worrying about the choice of a gift.

Christmas cards and decoration articles enjoyed a brisk sale early this season. There was an estimated 30 per cent increase in sales during the last fortnight.

By far the best-seller is the Christmas tree. One leading stationery shop sold 300 plastic and aluminum Christmas trees in two weeks.

A six-foot plastic tree, either green or white, can be had for from \$25 to \$45 and the same tree can be used year after year.

Fresh trees are selling anywhere between \$5 and \$60 each.

For those who favour wines there is this year a greater variety of Australian wines which are cheaper than most others but are of exceptionally good quality.

You can have Australian claret or sauterne at \$7 a bottle or Australian sherries at \$7.50 a bottle.

While most wines from Italy, West Germany, Portugal or Spain are selling at steady prices, French wines have gone up by 30 per cent because of production cutbacks.

Many stores are selling gift packages of two bottles each—whisky and sherry or brandy and port, or whisky and gin, two whiskies or two brandies. Their prices range from \$32.50 to \$46 a package.

Power-pack

Available also are packages of three, four or five. But by far the most power-packed gift is a case of 12 including famous brands of brandy, whisky, champagne, gin, vodka, port, sherry, claret and Bordeaux wine at \$275 a case.

There are quite a number of year-end music stores.

For example: The beautiful "Messiah" by Handel, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham, the new Harry Belafonte LP, "Christmas Carol," Perry Como's "Christmas Album," the Westminster Choir's "Christmas Carols" and the late Mario Lanza's "Christmas Album." For those who want something different from the all-too-familiar tunes there is the "London Four-Phase Stereo Record Series" which was specially recorded so as to give the dimension of depth to sound.

One leading jewellery shop in Gloucester Arcade which sold many diamond solitaires, bracelets and brooches in November, is experiencing a rush for pearl necklaces, gold bracelets, men's watches, tie-wires and wallets towards Christmas.

It has on sale a rare clock-run on photo-electric energy—which can tick on in the dark for a year "without winding or battery," and is marked at \$5,000 for the season.

**A BONUS
WATER
SUPPLY**

The hours of water supply will be increased over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Water Authority announced this morning that all districts will receive a continuous supply of water from 6 am until 12 midnight on Christmas Day.

A full supply will also be available in all districts from 4 pm on Sunday, December 31, until 9 pm on Monday, January 1.

From the Files

**25
years
AGO**

December 1936

Specialists of Kyoto Imperial University Hospital are interested in the case of Masao Minamio, a 25-year-old native of Wakayama prefecture, who claims to be unable to get along without a diet of glass.

Minamio, who was a visitor to the Japan Chronicle office in Kobe last week, thinks nothing of a dozen (empty) bottles of beer a day. Properly on his feed he finishes a bowl of rice by eating the bowl. A nice bit of earthenware does for hors d'oeuvre, and half a dozen electric bulbs—preferably unused—make an excellent supper.

"I am really like a bird inside," he said. "I have no appendix, but a sort of gizzard. The glass eventually gets into the bloodstream and is carried to all parts of my body, coming to the surface where I pick it out."

50 YEARS AGO

Extract from SCM Post 26 years ago column:

"HONGKONG has every reason to be proud of the part it has played in the sphere of tropical medicine. It was here that the plague bacilli was discovered, and it was also in this Colony that initial steps were taken towards the extermination of the malarial mosquito. Hongkong itself has been transformed from a place with an evil reputation into one of the healthiest localities in the East. And in this connection it may be said no one will in the least grudge the Hon. Dr. Atkinson his uncealed pride in having been instrumental in obtaining the appointment of the first staff of trained nurses to a British Colony. How invaluable have been the services of those nurses is well known."

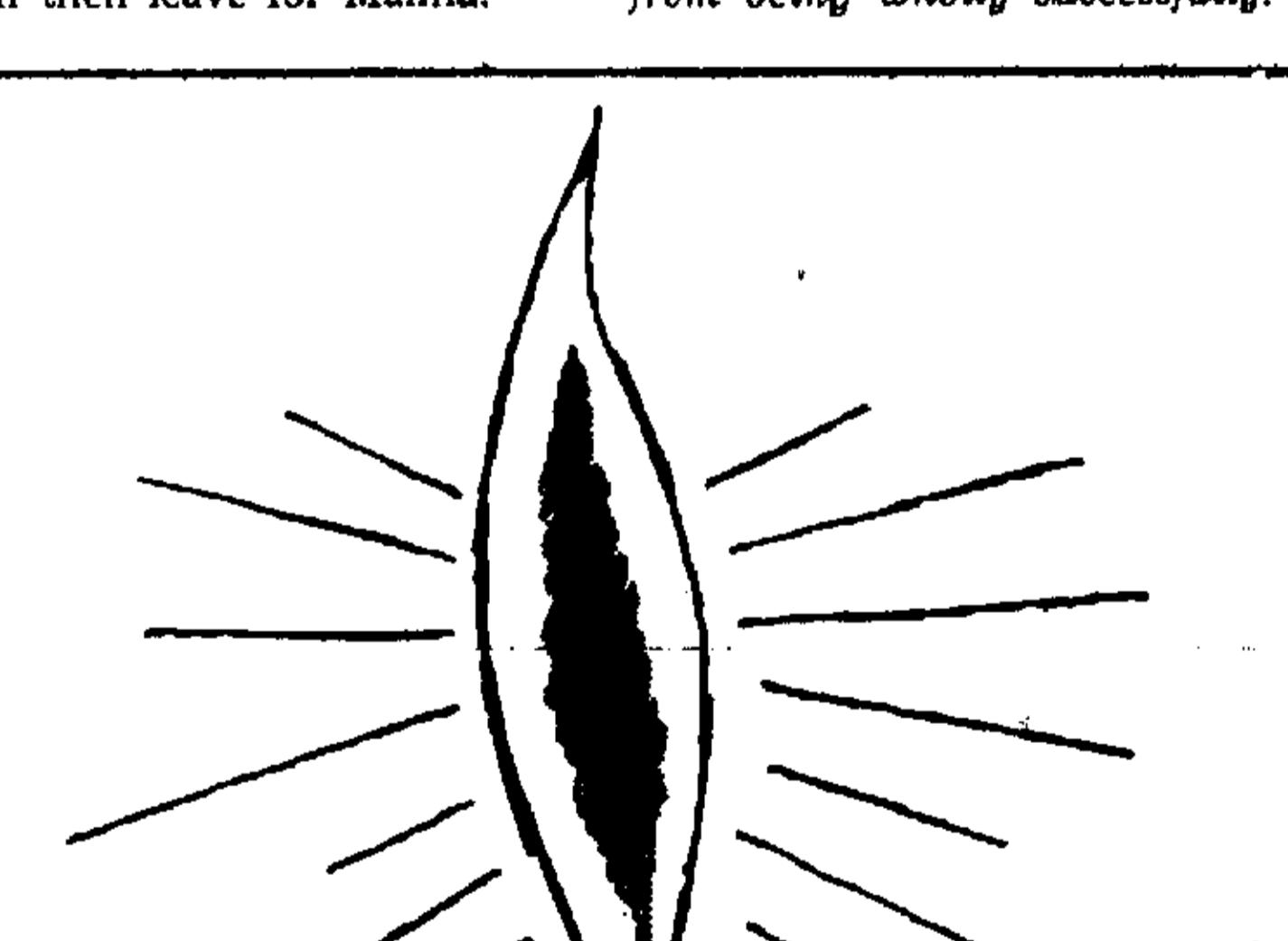
Indicative of the growing menace of handbag snatchers, who are becoming more ingenious in their methods, two cases were dealt with by Mr. E. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday. In both cases bicycles were used, and only prompt action prevented these attempts from being wholly successful.

**AEI executive
coming to HK**

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Hardman are expected to arrive in Hongkong tomorrow morning from Singapore, in the course of a Far Eastern tour.

Mr. Hardman's Manager of the Eastern Area of Associated Electrical Industries Export Limited.

They plan to stay in Hongkong until January 2, and will then leave for Manila.



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